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PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 1726-7219800

Total Pages 59

First Inventor or Application Identifier Frederick A. Ware

Title METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SIMULTANEOUS
BIDIRECTIONAL SIGNALING IN A BUS TOPOLOGY

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form

(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☒ Specification Total Pages 41

(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3. ☒ Drawings (35 USC 113) Total Sheets 11

4. Oath or Declaration Total Pages 2

a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)

b. ☐ Copy from a prior application
(37 CFR 1.63(d))

(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)

i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting
inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

6. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy

b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)

c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

8. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney

9. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

10. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 IDS Citations

11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

13. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

☐ Statement filed in Prior Application,
Status still proper and desired.

14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

15. ☒ Request & Certification Under 35 U.S.C.
122(b)(2)(B)(i)

16. ☐ Other

16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No:

Prior Application Information: Examiner

Group / Art Unit:

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| REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) | First Named Inventor | Frederick A. Ware |
| | Title | METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SIMULTANEOUS BIDIRECTIONAL SIGNALING IN A BUS TOPOLOGY |
| | Atty Docket Number | 1726.7219800 |

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b).

25 January 2001

Date

Ross D. Snyder

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| First Named Inventor | Frederick A. Ware |
| Group Art Unit | |
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code | Small Entity Fee Code | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 101 710 201 355 | | Utility filing fee | 710.00 |
| 106 320 206 160 | | Design filing fee | |
| 107 490 207 245 | | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 710 208 355 | | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 150 214 75 | | Provisional filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 710.00

2. CLAIMS

| Claims | Extra | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| Indep. 8 | (-3 =) 5 | 80.00 | 400.00 |
| Multiple Dep. | | | |

| Large Entity Fee Code | Small Entity Fee Code | Fee Description |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 103 18 203 9 | | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 80 202 40 | | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 270 204 135 | | Multiple dependent claim |
| 109 80 209 40 | | Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 18 210 9 | | Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

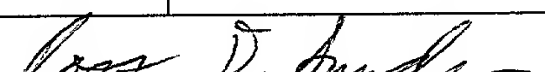
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| 105 130 205 65 | | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 50 227 25 | | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet. | |
| 139 130 139 130 | | Non-English specification | |
| 147 2,520 147 2,520 | | For filing a request for reexamination | |
| 112 920* 112 920* | | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 1,840* 113 1,840* | | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 110 215 55 | | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 390 216 195 | | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 890 217 445 | | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 1,390 218 645 | | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 1,890 228 945 | | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 310 219 155 | | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 310 220 1550 | | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 270 221 135 | | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 1,510 138 1,510 | | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 110 240 55 | | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 1,240 241 620 | | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 1,240 242 620 | | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 440 243 220 | | Design issue fee | |
| 144 600 244 300 | | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 130 122 130 | | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 50 123 50 | | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 240 126 240 | | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 40 581 40 | | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 40.00 |
| 146 710 246 355 | | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 710 249 355 | | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
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 - ☒ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
 - ☒ Transmittal cover letter;
 - ☒ Assignment agreement with Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
 - ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney;
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 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement;
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